



Rotary Fact

What is the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)?

RLI is a multi-district grassroots leadership development program for Rotarians, designed to strengthen clubs by providing quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills. The goal is to identify and train potential leaders to improve their effectiveness in a voluntary organization

Wednesday, Oct. 21 Coffee Chat



Join us **Wednesday, Oct. 21** at Grassroots Coffee anytime between **7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.** for a cup of coffee and a casual conversation with fellow Rotarians! Stay long enough to enjoy breakfast and get to know your fellow Rotarians better or grab your coffee to go. No agenda, no program.

Gridiron Challenge

The Touchdown Divas did it this week! We beat the Legendary Losers!! The weekend was another wild one for upsets!! No one expected Alabama to lose and obviously, Janet was the only one

MEETINGS

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 10/22 Echoes of the Gavel
- 10/29 GRSP Introductions
- 11/5 Hannah Palmquist: Human Trafficking in Georgia and across the Southeast
- 11/12 Thanksgiving Meeting at Vashti
- 11/19 Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce
- 11/26 Happy Thanksgiving - No Meeting

EVENTS

- 10/21 Coffee Chat
- 10/24 Hands on Thomas County Day
- 10/31 Halloween at History Center
- 11/6 61st Annual Larry Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend
- 11/9 Board Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce
- 11/18 Coffee Chat
- 11/21 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
- 12/3 Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction Finale

LEADERSHIP

President	Joe Tarver
President-Elect	Chandler Giddes
Immediate PP	Nathaniel Tyler
Treasurer	Teri White
Secretary	Angela Williamson
Executive Secretary/Director	Mary Beth Donalson
Past President	Wayne Newsome

who stayed true to her Tigers and picked them to WIN!! Several ranked teams are taking the week off to gear up for the second half of the season.

Let's continue Divas to beat the Losers with the fun game of football picks!



Complete **this form** and **send to Janet** by 6 p.m. on Thursday or give to her at Rotary. She'll have copies at Rotary.

Oct. 29 and Nov. 6

GRSP



Our program on Thursday, Oct. 29 will feature our two GRSP students:

- **Sophie Petersen**, from Denmark, whose host parents are Wilson and Jill Carraway; and
- **Karahan Akinci** from Turkey, whose host parents are Scott and Peggy Rich.

Sophie and Karahan are Thomasville's 101st and 102nd GRSP students. They'll let us know more about their backgrounds and how their Rotary year in Georgia is progressing so far.

Then, the following week, the two will be back in town for Thomasville's GRSP student lunch, part of the **61st Annual Larry**

Directors

Public Image	David Sofferin
Foundation	Tony Lloyd
Membership	Arthur Wigfall
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ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
The Plaza Restuarant
217 Broad St
Thomasville, GA 31792

ROTARY ONLINE

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>
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YEARS OF SERVICE

10/27	Jim Carter (15)
10/27	J.D. Sears (4)
10/27	Matt Edwards (4)
11/1	Albert Park (31)
11/4	Carol Jones (22)
11/6	Ronald Salter (18)
11/8	Renee Oliveto (19)
11/10	Morgan Bailey (10)
11/14	Katie Chastain (2)

Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend, on Friday, Nov. 6 at the Pebble Hill Learning Center.

We need members to sign up to participate. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up as well as to sit at tables with groups of GRSP students. Set up begins at 11:15 a.m., and the event is expected to end around 2 p.m.

Sign up here or talk to **Debbie Goodman**.

Beginning Next Month

Rotary Online Auction

Planning is underway for our third annual online auction and holiday party. Please consider whether you or your friends and family members have items that could be added to this year's auction. For example, a large percentage of our proceeds in both 2024 and 2025 came from vacation rentals.

The auction committee has been hard at work:

- **8 vacation stays secured**
- At least two more being solicited

Other items secured include:

- Guns
- A band performance at your next event
- Lessons for tennis, fly fishing, Mahjong
- Athletic pursuits including a pickle ball session at a private court, a YMCA family membership for a year, and hot yoga sessions
- Infrared sauna visits
- Taste of Thomasville food tour
- A Vespa scooter
- Ceramic art

The list is continuing to grow! If you have access to a phenomenal vacation spot or other auction item or are willing to help underwrite the events, please connect with **Marta Jones-Turner** or auction team members **Marcy Sizemore, Gretchen Bickel, Mary Beth Donalson, Laura Pike, Kellie Merck, James Bue, Arthur Wigfall** or **David Sofferin**.



The auction will end on **Thursday, Dec. 3** at our annual holiday party. The auction benefits the Big Impact Project, supporting fresh produce markets — which distributed **70,000 pounds of food last year**, provides vegetable grow bags at two markets each year, and more. RSVP for the event **here**.

Calendar

Calendar is subject to changes. View the full **Rotary calendar** anytime and:

- Add individual **calendar items** to your personal calendar.
 - **Subscribe to the Rotary calendar** for automatic updates.
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Attend a club meeting via Zoom. Meeting ID: 867 7770 1621
